

*Deerpark, NY* – Today U.S. Representative John Hall (D-NY19) stood with Town of Deerpark employees as a temporary FEMA trailer requested by Hall was delivered outside Deerpark Town Hall. On Tuesday the Town of Deerpark offices were closed after dangerous lead oxide levels were found.

Without any offices, the town of Deerpark would be unable to perform basic government functions such as paying bills, issuing death and birth certificates, issuing building inspections and certificates, and processing town legal business including arraignments and traffic tickets.

Hall called Town of Deerpark Supervisor Mark House after the Town offices were closed on Tuesday and after learning that the employees would be displaced for some time and had no alternative offices in the town, went to work to try to find them temporary quarters. Hall's office asked the local FEMA facility in Walkill to provide a temporary trailer, and they agreed.

"Without this FEMA trailer, the Town of Deerpark would essentially have no government," said Hall. "I'm going to continue working with the Town of Deerpark to see that the employees and public are safe and the source of contamination is found and cleaned up permanently."

Over the past few months, Hall has been working to have the Walkill FEMA site made into a regional disaster assistance facility.

Following the trailer delivery, Hall met with town employees at the Deerpark Senior Center where they were getting lead oxide tests.

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